Congratulations to researchers in South Korea for publishing over 70,000 papers in 2016!

The number of papers published grew again last year, with increasing contributions from countries with developing research programs.

Looking Back: The Last Decade of Research Publishing in South Korea

- In four years, South Korea could surpass 6th place Japan in publication volume.

Top Areas of Study in South Korea by number of publications:
- Materials Science stayed at 3rd place in South Korea, while it is 6th worldwide behind Chemistry.
- Scientific Reports jumped from 3rd in 2015 to 1st last year, trading places with PLOS ONE.
- This past decade, medicine surged past the hard sciences and multi-disciplinary papers saw a huge increase.

Top Journals by number of South Korean publications:
- The top five journals for South Korean researchers were from the US or Europe.
- Journal of the Korean Physical Society dropped to 7th place.

Top Institutions by number of publications:
- Seoul National University
- Korea University
- Yonsei University
- Sungkyunkwan University
- Hanyang University

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